



Norma Jean Crowell

March 19, 1929 - July 26, 2015

Norma J. Crowell, age 86 of Maroa, formerly of Carbondale, passed away at 12:15 am on Sunday, July 26, 2015 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 19, 1929 to William and Nettie (Duty) Anderson.

Norma was a member of the Drury Christian Church in Carbondale. She loved to play the organ, as well as other instruments. She enjoyed doing writings on the bible and teaching the bible.

She is survived by her children, Vicki Crowell, Debby Crowell and Myles Earl Crowell, Jr., all of Carbondale; Dianna Pace of Maroa and Cathy Pfifer of Herrin; grandchildren, Crystal, Joe, Eric, Scarlett, Holly, Wilton, Evan and Brian; great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded by an infant daughter, Janice Elaine Crowell; her parents; two sisters, Gladys Harper and Ruby Anderson and a brother, William Anderson.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 2, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Norma J. Crowell will be Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 5:00

pm at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Graveside Services will be Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Oakland Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Crowell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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“ Hello, my name is Donna Irons. First let me apologize for not attending the services or writing this tribute sooner. I desperately desired to attend, but I seem to have a serious flu bug that will not allow me to stay well for longer than a few hours per day.

But I must tell you and share with you my recollections of your mother/family member. I met Norma through attending Drury Church-my family attending Drury around 1995-2005. Although we were attending a small church, I did not personally know her for quite some time. To me, she was one of the older women who sat at the back of the church. But Drury decided to do a "secret sister" program for 2 years. That is where we drew names of other women in the church in January and for the entire year we bless them randomly-such as birthdays, Easter, Mother's Day...And then at the big Christmas party, we do the big reveal where the person actually includes their name on the small Christmas gift they are giving to their "secret sister". That is when I found out that Norma had my name all year. She was very faithful in her giving-she left me several small tokens on most holidays and even included a small 4th of July gift! So that got us to talking to each other more intimately. We found out that our birthdays were both in March and that we shared the love of the charismatic gospel (privately-at Drury you were not suppose to discuss that) and we both loved the Gaither sing-along gospel music. So, from that time until only a few years ago, Norma and I exchanged many cards and small gifts. We kept each other in our hearts no matter what church we were or were not attending. As I'm sure you all know, she LOVED sharing how she both received Christ and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I too had this experience outside of my church and knew that not everyone approved or supported this kind of talking about God.

I just wanted you to know that Diana Chylewski (a Drury member and my cousin/best friend) had always kept me abreast of Norma's health issues. Norma was a very faithful member of her church and I know she appreciated that church family. She especially loved the worship-even more if it were more along the traditional hymn lines.

She often showed us all pictures of her family-she loved bragging on how cute and adorable were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed, but I remember her telling me that getting old was no fun and that she really missed a healthy and younger, more functioning body. So according to our faith in Jesus, she either has that now or will in eternity. I will miss Norma and all of her small, yet precious generous token of love and care for me.

God bless you all-Donna Irons

Donna Irons - August 06, 2015 at 02:03 PM